

HOMELESS GRANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HGAP) 2007 PROJECT SUMMARY

- **Clallam County HGAP Project**
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- **PURPOSE**

To eliminate or drastically reduce emergency and transitional housing for homeless by placing homeless persons into permanent housing immediately ("housing first" model). Clallam County will open three regional housing resource centers (HRCs) to identify private market housing and intake/evaluate/place homeless persons. Program staff will assist with discharge planning and housing placement for homeless people being discharged from jails, prisons, hospitals, mental health care, foster care and substance abuse treatment.

Project Team:

- Kathy Wahto (**Serenity House**): coordinating supportive housing, housing resource center activities for east end of county
- Laurie Kross (Serenity House): working with jail and sheriff, focusing on MOUs
- Pam Tietz (**Housing Authority of Clallam County**): coordinating program for west end of county
- Florence Bucierka (**County Health and Human Services**): HGAP administrator and contract oversight

- **GRANT**
\$1,000,000
3 years

- **ACTIVITIES**

Project Activities

Housing resource centers in Port Angeles, Sequim, and Forks will be developed as points of entry, with center staff assessing housing needs, providing information and referrals, and working with landlords to facilitate retention of, or rapid placement into, permanent housing.

- Serenity House expanded staff in January and February 2007; they expect to be moved into the Sequim HRC by November, Port Angeles opened in August.
- Housing Authority – will manage Forks HRC, but further out

Permanent Supportive Housing: Capital funding will help renovate 15 units of permanent supportive housing in Port Angeles and leasing funds will be used for an additional 14 permanent supportive units in Forks. Largest set of units opening in December in Port Angeles – project staff anticipate having events around ribbon-cutting for these and HRCs to follow.

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Discharge Planning: Laurie is working on MOUs with treatment centers, local hospitals, and jail. Guidelines for prioritizing referrals not yet clear, but no dedicated “slots” per treatment provider

Evaluation: Florence will coordinate the RFP for an evaluator after executing contracts with providers

Amount of Funding for Each Activity

Activity	HGAP Funding	Cash Match	Total Funding
Rehabilitation	\$170,000	\$186,000	\$356,000
Supportive Services	\$239,250	\$376,00	\$612,250
Rental Assistance	\$447,750	\$157,500	\$605,250
Administration	\$85,000	\$15,000	\$100,000
Evaluation	\$60,000	\$15,000	\$75,000

Cash Match (first 12 months only):

HUD McKinney Vento funds: \$186,000

Clallam County local 2163 funds: \$55,000

Serenity House of Clallam County: \$85,000

- **RESULTS**

Estimated number of people served:

Y1 *target*: 320 people – 85 families including 104 adults and 126 children, plus 90 single individuals

Total *target*: 1105 people – 275 families including 326 adults and 404 children, plus 375 single individuals

Estimated number of housing units or beds made available

Six months subsidy for 15 studio units, 40 1BR units, and 25 3BR units; and eight months subsidy for 35 2BR units

39 units of supportive housing including 15 renovated units in Port Angeles and 14 leased units in Forks.

Expected outcomes

- 75% of 450 participating households enter permanent housing within 30 days of initial contact; 25% enter emergency or transitional housing within 14 days and permanent housing within 60 days of initial contact
- 100% of participating households establish personal budget and/or savings plan, and are engaged in employment, job education or training, or applying for disability assistance
- 90% of participating households with substance abuse, mental health, health, parenting, or life skills issues participate in needed services

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- Increase in client self-sufficiency skills, and in the number of homeless households that retain housing and obtain living wage employment and/or other sources of income
- 855 clients and 450 households are in permanent housing